

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-2, 5-14, 17-26, and 29-36 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to clarify the invention. The amendments are supported by FIGs. 6 and 9 and their accompanying texts in Applicants' application. No new matter has been added.

II. REJECTION BASED ON 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Office Action has rejected Claims 1-2, 5-14, 17-26 and 29-36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McManis (U.S. Pat. No. 5,757,914). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 13 and 25, as amended, recite a feature of generating “a plurality of records mapping access control events to access control functions **along with an indication whether access control function invocation is active for each mapped access control event wherein said plurality of records are stored in a configuration file.**”

As noted in the response to a previous Office Action, McManis does not teach or disclose a system that generates a plurality of records mapping access control events to access control functions as claimed in Claims 1, 13, and 25. There is no disclosure of access control events in McManis, nor does McManis disclose generating a plurality of records mapping access control events related to controlling access to information resources on a computer system to access control functions. McManis teaches a program module verifier that verifies program modules and has no relationship to controlling access to information resources on a computer system.

The Office Action cites McManis, col 3, lines 8-25 as meeting the features about generating a plurality of records mapping access control events to access control functions in Claims 1, 13 and 25. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Neither the cited passage nor any other passage in McManis discloses generating a plurality of records mapping access control events to access control functions. McManis only discloses a verifier which is a privileged system service procedure (McManis, Col. 4, lines 8-9). The system service procedure simply verifies an application procedure B at the request of another application procedure A (McManis, col. 3, line 67-col. 4, line 2) by decoding a digital signature based on a public key supplied at by A and computing a message digest. Clearly, McManis does not teach or suggest the features in issue the Office Action alleges that it does.

McManis not only fails to disclose generating a plurality of records mapping access control events to access control function, but also fails to disclose “an indication whether access control function invocation is active for each mapped access control event.” Furthermore, McManis fails to disclose a configuration file where the plurality of records mapping access control events to access control functions are stored.

Finally, Claims 1, 13 and 25, as amended, also recite a feature of retrieving “an executable element if the access control event is mapped to the access control function **and if access control function invocation is active for the access control event.**” McManis does not disclose features of retrieving an executable element based on whether the access control event is mapped to the access control function and whether access control function invocation is active for the access control event.

In a proper rejection under § 102(e) the cited reference must show each and every claimed feature in the same combination as arranged in the claim. See Lewmar Marine, Inc. v. Barient, Inc., 827 F.2d 744, 747-48, 3 USPQ2d 1766, 1768 (Fed. Cir. 1987). If even a single element or limitation is missing from the reference, anticipation is not found. Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 722 F.2d 1542, 1548, 220 USPQ 193, 198 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

Since McManis does not teach every aspect of the claimed invention, Claims 1, 13, and 25 are therefore allowable. Claims 2, 5-12 and 14, 17-24 and 26, 29-37 are dependent upon Claims 1, 13, and 25, respectively, and are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

III. CONCLUSIONS & MISCELLANEOUS

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

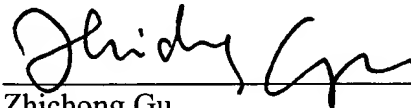
The Applicants believe that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and that allowance of the pending claims is appropriate. Entry of the amendments herein and further examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1214 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

No fee is believed to be due specifically in connection with this Reply. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this Reply to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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